

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BERLIN 06261 141823Z

62

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 VO-03 CIAE-00 FBIE-00 INSE-00 NSAE-00

SCA-01 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 INR-07 L-03 SAJ-01

/054 W

----- 011270

R 141512Z JUL 76

FM AMEMBASSY BERLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2887

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

RUFHJA /USMISSION USBERLIN UNN

USMISSION USNATO

C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 6261

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN, CVIS, PFOR, CSCE

SUBJECT: VISAS: NIV PROCEDURE: AN APPLICATION FOR THE GDR

REFS: (A) BERLIN 6050; (B) BUDAPEST 1976 (NOTAL);

(C) BELGRADE 2868 (NOTAL)

1. WE APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTELS
B AND C CONCERNING ADAPTATIONS OF FS-257A FOR USE IN
EASTERN EUROPE AS WELL AS INFORMATION PROVIDED DIRECTLY
TO US BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL, USMISSION BERLIN.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE COINCIDENCE OF POLITICAL
AFFILIATION, CRIMINALITY, ILLNESS, AND ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOR AS SUBJECTS FOR INQUIRY IN QUESTION 32
(FORM FS-257A GERMAN) PALES IN SIGNIFICANCE WHEN CONSIDERING
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BERLIN 06261 141823Z

THE GDR'S FAILURES TOLIVE UP TO BASKET III COMMIT-

MENTS UNDER THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE ARGUMENTATION USED BY THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT MFA (SEE REF A) WAS INTENDED TO DIRECT ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE GDR'S UNWILLINGNESS TO TAKE THIS SMALL BUT USEFUL STEP (ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF NIV FEES) TO EXPAND TRAVEL POSSIBILITIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE SEE A CERTAIN VALUE TO REVISING OUR PASIC FS-257A (GERMAN) ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED.

3. WE HAVE BEEN EXAMINING WAYS OF REDUCING PROCESSING TIME FOR NIV CASES WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE JUDICIOUS ASSESSMENT VISA OFFICERS MUST MAKE IN EASTERN EUROPEAN CASES UNDER THE INA. AN OBSTACLE HERETO IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEANINGFUL INFORMATION IN QUESTION 32, FS-257A (GERMAN), NEEDED TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS ON ELIGIBILITY AND "INVOLUNTARINESS" UNDER 212(A) (28), TO ENABLE "WAIVER OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE" TO BE USED MORE WIDELY. WE HAVE BEEN USING FS-257A (GERMAN) TOGETHER WITH DSP-70 AS AN EXPEDIENT.

4. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT INTRODUCTION OF A REVISED NIV APPLICATION FORM WOULD BE OPERATIONALLY VALUABLE AND ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING:

A. REVISION OF FS-257A (GERMAN) INTO A NEW NONSTANDARD GERMAN LANGUAGE NIV APPLICATION TO BE DESIGNATED BFP-1. BFP-1 WOULD INCLUDE QUESTIONS 1-30 OF FS-257A (GERMAN); WOULD OMIT QUESTION 30A (CONCERNING GDR OR EAST BERLIN RESIDENCE) AND RETAIN QUESTIONS 31 AND 32(1), THE LATTER AS 32. QUESTIONS 33-36 WOULD BE THE SAME AS QUESTIONS 31-34 IN BDP-5. THE REFERENCE TO HUNGARY WOULD BE CHANGED TO THE GDR. THE SIZE OF PROPOSED FORM BFP-1 WOULD NOT EXCEED 5 X 12 INCHES.

B. WHEN BFP-1 IS INTRODUCED, USE OF DSP-70 WOULD BE TERMINATED.

C. THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT MFA WOULD NOT BE INFORMED WHEN BRP-1 WAS INTRODUCED, BUT WE WOULD PROPOSE TO TELL THE MFA, IF ASKED, THAT THE CHANGE WAS MADE TO EASE NIV PROCESSING BY REDUCING (BUT NOT ELIMINATING) THE NEED FOR PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY GDR NIV APPLICANTS CONSISTENT WITH US LAWS

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BERLIN 06261 141823Z

AND REGULATIONS.

5. THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF THE FOREGOING IS REQUESTED. WE EXPECT TO HAVE THE NEW FORM LOCALLY PRINTED (WEST BERLIN). COOPER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, ENTRY VISAS, TRAVEL CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BERLIN06261
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760271-0371
From: BERLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760761/aaaacble.tel
Line Count: 112
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 BERLIN 6050, 76 BUDAPEST 1976
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 APR 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <04 AUG 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISAS: NIV PROCEDURE: AN APPLICATION FOR THE GDR
TAGS: CGEN, CVIS, PFOR, WB, US, CSCE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006